

Pneumonia*			
Performance Measure	Measure Description	Criterion Met or Acceptable Alternative	Rate Calculation**
<b>Initial Antibiotic Timing</b> (Less time is better for this measure.)	Average (mean) time from hospital arrival to first dose of antibiotics at the hospital for pneumonia patients.	Time, in minutes, from hospital arrival to any antibiotic administration in the hospital.	Continuous Variable Statement; Average (mean) time from hospital arrival to first dose of antibiotics at the hospital for pneumonia patients.
<b>Pneumococcal Vaccination</b>	Pneumonia patients age 65 and older who were screened for pneumococcal vaccine status and were administered the vaccine prior to discharge, if indicated	Documentation of screening and administration of pneumococcal vaccine for patients aged 65 years and older. Exceptions include previous immunization, patient refusal, and documented allergy/sensitivity to the vaccine or its components	<u>Numerator:</u> Number of pneumonia inpatients age 65 and older who were screened for pneumococcal vaccine status and were administered the vaccine prior to discharge, if indicated  <u>Denominator:</u> Number of pneumonia patients age 65 and older
<b>Oxygenation Assessment</b>	Pneumonia patients who had an assessment of arterial oxygenation by arterial blood gas measurement or pulse oximetry within 24 hours prior to or after arrival at the hospital	Documentation of arterial oxygenation assessment by either arterial blood gas collections or pulse oximetry within 24 hours of hospital arrival	<u>Numerator:</u> Number of pneumonia patients who receive and oxygenation assessment with arterial blood gas (ABG) or pulse oximetry within 24 hours prior to, or after, hospital arrival  <u>Denominator:</u> Inpatients aged 29 days and older with a principle diagnosis of pneumonia or a principle diagnosis of septicemia or respiratory failure and an other diagnosis of pneumonia

\*See **Hospital Quality Resources** for additional information about best practices.

\*\* For all inclusion and exclusion criteria see [http://www.qnetexchange.org/public/newcart/index.jsp?main=includes/html/cart\\_topicspecific.html](http://www.qnetexchange.org/public/newcart/index.jsp?main=includes/html/cart_topicspecific.html).